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RE: Rico-Argentine Mine -
Request for Information

Dear Ms. Babits:

Per your request during your phone conversation with Art O'Hayre on October 29, 1984, I have enclosed a copy of sections of a report by Dames & Moore concerning the piezometers installed near the Silver Creek tailings. The enclosed information includes a discussion of the purpose of the overall investigation including the piezometer installation, an interpretation of the site conditions based on the investigations and a detailed explanation of field and laboratory procedures and results. The report explains the drilling techniques and method for installing the 1½ inch PVC piezometers. The report does not explain how the contractor sealed the piezometer above the slotted interval or whether a gravel pack was installed around the perforated interval.

It is our understanding that FIT plans to visit our Rico property during the second week in November to collect approximately twenty (20) surface water, groundwater and stream sediment samples. As provided for in the NCP, Anaconda requests splits of all surface and groundwater samples collected. Anaconda also requests a split of two stream sediment samples collected from the Silver Creek drainage. It is our understanding that all sample splits will be provided to Anaconda's on-site representative, Mr. Orval Jahnke. Please contact either myself or Mr. Arthur P. O'Hayre to confirm the actual days on which you propose to conduct the field sampling and to provide a listing of proposed sampling location procedures and parameters. A copy of your sampling plan would be most helpful.

Sincerely,

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